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1. The Soviets are attempting to keep Manchuria separate from the Chinese Communist Government after the Korean war is settled and may propose that China, Korea, and Japan recognize Manchuria as a separate state, open to immigration; thus to build a free United States of Manchuria under Soviet leadership for the benefit of all neighboring countries. The Soviets believe the new state will be welcomed by Korea and especially Japan, which has a tremendous population problem.
2. This plan is top secret in political circles in the USSR and Manchuria. Manchurian communists will propose this plan at first; the Soviets will try to control its execution from behind the scenes. The Soviets hope to overcome the objections of MAO Tse-tung by gaining the support of the smaller Asiatic republics; outer Mongolia will play an important part in this.
3. To assure separation of China and Manchuria the Soviets will insist all equipment given the Chinese, including aircraft, be returned to a Soviet-led field army in Manchuria. The Soviets also plan to use some of this equipment for a field army in Mongolia.

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Comment. While it is obvious that rumors of this nature may be circulating in Peiping and that there are grounds for belief that this is subtle anti-Communist propaganda put out by the Nationalists or that it is fabrication, information from field representatives indicates that this

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